

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 46 through 61 are pending, with Claims 46 and 51 being independent. Claims 46, 47, and 51 have been amended.

Claims 46 through 61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent Appln. Pub. No. 2003/0164976 A1 (Ihara, et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,426,778 B1 (Valdez, Jr.), both newly-cited. All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 46 and 51 variously recite, *inter alia*, (1) that the document data includes (a) a script for acquiring status information of the printer and (b) status display information, in combination with (2) executing a process for acquiring the status information of the printer and a process for identifying, in accordance with the acquired status information, the status display information included in the document data, with executing of the script as claimed.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that neither Ihara, et al. nor Valdez, Jr., even in the proposed combination, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 46 and 51, including, *inter alia*, the recitation that both (a) and (b) are *included in the document data*. The references in the Official Action to “IEEE1394” are respectfully submitted not to remedy the deficiencies of Ihara, et al. and Valdez, Jr.

It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 46 and 51.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. In this regard, while the Official Action makes reference to Ihara, et al. and “IEEE1394”, Applicants respectfully submit that the Official Action does not appear to address the specific language of the dependent claims, and Applicants respectfully submit that the burden to do so is the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office’s, not Applicants’. MPEP 2144.03. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

This Amendment After Final Rejection is an earnest attempt to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, and is believed to clearly place this application in condition for allowance. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that a full appreciation of these amendments will not require undue time or effort given the Examiner’s familiarity with this application. Moreover, this Amendment was not earlier presented because Applicants earnestly believed that the prior Amendment placed the subject application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is respectfully requested. Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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